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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Age \(page 10\)](#)** reports that the Grattan Institute has found that supporting children with autism and other developmental needs directly through childcare and primary school could save the NDIS up to \$12.1 billion over the next decade. Health Minister Mark Butler said he is currently negotiating foundational support agreements with the states and that he would consider the Grattan Institute report.
- The **[Australian Financial Review \(page 1\)](#)** reports that Health Minister Mark Butler has warned that the pathology companies Sonic Healthcare, Healius and Australian Clinical Labs could be investigated by the ACCC if they stop offering bulk-billing for essential tests. Mr Butler has directed the Department of Health to provide advice on mandating pathology bulk-billing.
- **[The Guardian \(online\)](#)** reports that the Federal Government is undergoing a rapid review of the fertility industry in order to establish national guidelines and an independent accreditor. Health Minister Mark Butler said that the current system needs transparency and independence.
- The **[Daily Telegraph \(page 26\)](#)** reports that Aged Care Minister Sam Rae has said that the Federal Government is working to provide age-appropriate services to disabled young Australians after the government failed to meet its commitment for no person under 65 to live in residential aged care facilities by 2025.
- The **[Courier Mail \(page 4\)](#)** reports that the \$260 million National Lung Cancer Screening Program will offer free screening for Australians with a high risk of lung cancer from July 1.

- The [\*\*Courier Mail \(page 4\)\*\*](#) reports that Queensland Nurses and Midwives Union has warned that they will undertake protected industrial action if the Queensland government does not agree to proposed pay and conditions claims by Wednesday.
- The [\*\*Courier Mail \(page 5\)\*\*](#) reports that research published in the Drug and Alcohol Review has found that Australia recorded a national increase to alcohol-related hospitalisations during the Covid-19 pandemic, with the largest increase occurring in Queensland.
- The [\*\*Daily Telegraph \(page 9\)\*\*](#) reports that the NSW Poisons Information Centre received up to 332 distress calls in 2024 relating to semaglutide medications such as Ozempic and Wegovy, spiking by 1176 per cent over four years.

## MINISTER BUTLER

### Health giants face price-fixing probe

Australian Financial Review, General News, 30/06/2025, Michael Smith, Page 1

Labor has warned the country's three listed pathology companies they could be investigated for price-fixing if they follow through on threats to stop bulk-billing patients for essential tests from next month due to funding cuts.

Also reported by: [Australian Financial Review \(Online\)](#).

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### 'Bigger cap needed' to stop NDIS growth blowout

Australian Financial Review, General News, 30/06/2025, Michael Read, Page 6

The Albanese government is being urged to further cut its 8 per cent growth target for the ballooning cost of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and to fund new supports for children with autism from its existing \$51 billion.

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### Plan to save the NDIS billions

Age, General News, 30/06/2025, Broede Carmody, Page 10

[...] Health Minister Mark Butler said negotiations with the states on foundational supports were ongoing and would be finalised as soon as possible.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Sydney\)](#).

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### Still-leaky NGA yet to award roof tender

Canberra Times, General News, 30/06/2025, Dana Daniel and Eleanor Campbell, Page 16

[...] Australian Financial Review press gallery veteran Phil Coorey drew the ire of the Chief Minister after he was (incorrectly) asked why federal Health Minister Mark Butler had hung him out to dry.

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### Levy is symptom of budget pain

Canberra Times, General News, 30/06/2025, Peter Breadon and Elizabeth Baldwin, Page 20

[...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler quickly shot back, pointing to recent boosts in funding.

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### Albanese revives the Brisbane Line

West Australian, General News, 30/06/2025, Katina Curtis, Page 4

[...] Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles, Foreign Affairs Minister Penny Wong, Finance Minister Katy Gallagher, Health Minister Mark Butler and Infrastructure Minister Catherine King all keep their ERC positions.

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## More money in pockets after changes

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 30/06/2025, Page 4

[...] "You simply can't be serious about strengthening Medicare without a serious focus on women's health," Health Minister Mark Butler said.

Also reported by: [Daily Liberal \(Dubbo\)](#), [Central Western Daily \(Orange\)](#), [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Burnie Advocate \(Burnie\)](#).

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## 'One-size-fits-all approach doesn't work': Plan to save the NDIS billions

The Age, Other, 29/06/2025, Broede Carmody

[...] Health Minister Mark Butler said negotiations with the states on foundational supports were ongoing and would be finalised as soon as possible.

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## Health levy prescription hurts. And it's only addressing a symptom of a terrible disease

Canberra Times, Other, 29/06/2025, Elizabeth Baldwin and Peter Breadon

[...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler quickly shot back, pointing to recent boosts in funding.

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## Grattan Institute pitches blueprint to 'save' NDIS as foundational supports rollout stalls

ABC Online, Other, 29/06/2025, Evan Young and Nas Campanella

[...] In a statement, NDIS Minister Mark Butler said the government would consider the report.

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## Top public servant urges 'more doing, less reviewing' after 70 inquiries in Labor's first term, FoI papers reveal

The Guardian, Other, 30/06/2025, Tom McIlroy

[...] The secretary of the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, Blair Comley, has urged the health minister, Mark Butler, to allow public servants to adopt a more implementation and less analysis mindset in the coming term of parliament, after more than 70 reviews were commissioned, consulted-on or published in Labor's first three years in office.

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## After four 'heartbreaking' rounds of IVF at a private clinic, Cassie put her hopes in the hands of Victoria's public fertility service

The Guardian, Other, 29/06/2025, Tory Shepherd and Benita Kolovos

[...] "We need to inject some confidence and independence and transparency into that system," said the federal health minister, Mark Butler.

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## Promising new insulin pill to be tested by people living with diabetes within months

9News, Other, 29/06/2025

[...] "We have a great history in Australia of medical research but too often our discoveries are sent overseas," Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said.

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## Incoming brief recommends doing more and reviewing less

BioPharmaDispatch, Other, 29/06/2025

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing has released its Incoming Government Brief, revealing substantive aspects of its advice to Mark Butler on the PBS and Health Technology

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## More money in pockets as financial year changes begin

CityNews, Other, 29/06/2025

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Also reported by: [7news.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Broome Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Perth Now \(Online\)](#).

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## No butts: fines and jail for illegal cigs and vapes

Central Western Daily, Other, 29/06/2025, Farid Farid

[...] Health Minister Mark Butler said the federal government's approach to "taking on big tobacco on the one hand and organised crime on the other," was working.

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## MINISTER RAE

### Aged care 'national shame'

Daily Telegraph, General News, 30/06/2025, Jade Gailberger, Page 26

[...] Aged Care Minister Sam Rae said the federal government was working to ensure that no one under the age of 65 was living in residential aged care by supporting younger Australians to access more age-appropriate services.

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### Son's plea for more dementia care places after dad's death

Newcastle Herald, General News, 30/06/2025, Damon Cronshaw, Page 4

[...] Federal aged care Minister Sam Rae said more than 400,000 people in Australia were living with dementia.

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### Outbreaks, resilience and responsibility: What the latest COVID-19 data tells us about aged care in 2025

Hello Leaders Australia, Other, 29/06/2025, Jakob Neeland

The latest covid outbreak report from the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing shows that as of 8:00 a.m. on 26 June 2025, 307 residential aged care homes across Australia were managing active COVID-19 outbreaks, affecting 2,446 people — including 1,752 residents and 694 staff.

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### Care minutes audits: The next compliance test for aged care providers

Hello Leaders Australia, Other, 29/06/2025, Jakob Neeland

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing has confirmed that from the 2025–26 financial year, all residential aged care providers must submit an externally audited Care Minutes Performance Statement with their Aged Care Financial Report.

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### Australia's biggest phobia that ignites fear in 120 milliseconds: 'Evolution'

Yahoo! Lifestyle Australia, Other, 29/06/2025, Emma Levett

[...] Research from the Federal Health Department showed one in seven Australians, or almost 15 per cent, will develop a phobia or anxiety disorder during their lives.

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## AGEING AND AGED CARE

### Christmas coming early with big changes in the age pension

Canberra Times, Business News, 30/06/2025, Noel Whittaker, Page 15

Your money christmas is coming early for many senior citizens, with big changes to the age pension from 1 July.

Also reported by: [Burnie Advocate \(Burnie\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Tamworth\)](#), [Bendigo Advertiser \(Bendigo\)](#), [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#).

## Notes from a nursing home: 'We don't speak of sadness here'

The Guardian, Other, 29/06/2025, Andrew McKean

The nursing home becomes a vault, sealing away what disrupts the orderly march of life, writes aged care resident Andrew McKean.

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## DISABILITY

### Charged nurses' NDIS ban

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 30/06/2025, Julie Cross, Page 6

Two nurses charged over a viral video in which they allegedly discussed killing Israeli patients have also been banned from working with NDIS participants.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#).

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### How to save the NDIS without spending

Canberra Times, General News, 30/06/2025, Hannah Orban, Page 17

After what feels like years of bad news about the National Disability Insurance Scheme, finally, there's some good news.

Also reported by: [West Australian \(Perth\)](#).

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### NDIS funding cuts for home visits threaten Kerry's independence

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 29/06/2025

However, her home speech pathology services could now be in jeopardy due to NDIS cuts that will see travel allowances for allied health workers halved.

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## POPULATION HEALTH

### Covid's hidden death toll

Courier Mail, General News, 30/06/2025, Judith Kerr, Page 5

[...] "The increases reflect the increase in the overall amount of alcohol available for consumption reported by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare."

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### Overdosing on Ozempic

Daily Telegraph, General News, 30/06/2025, Danielle Gusmaroli, Page 9

Fresh figures from the NSW Poisons Information Centre (PIC) shows 332 distress calls were made in the year ending 2024 relating to semaglutide medications, sold under the brand names including Ozempic and Wegovy in Australia.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#).

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### NSW the 'weak link' on tobacco

Premier Chris Minns has been accused of leaving NSW the "weak link" in the fight against illegal tobacco after the state government's minimal budget commitment, despite an explosion in the black market.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#),

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## You don't have to hit rock bottom to get help

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 30/06/2025, Page 23

[...] Alcohol is the leading drug people seek treatment for, according to latest figures from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

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## Illegal tobacco stores to be shut down, evicted under new plan

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 29/06/2025, James Willis

With Sydney flooded by illicit tobacco and vapes, the NSW Opposition will push for black market retailers to be shut down for a month and booted from their leases.

Also reported by: [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#),

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## Here's what you're really inhaling in vapes

Northern Territory News, Other, 29/06/2025, Zac Turner

A leading doctor has revealed exactly what you're inhaling with every puff of a vape - amid a disturbing discovery inside some illicit vapes smuggled into Australia.

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## 'Definitely a role to play': MP, ex-mayor share vape, tobacco shops concern

The Border Mail, Other, 29/06/2025, Anthony Bunn

Greater controls over the location of tobacco and vaping stores should be pursued, Albury state and local government representatives believe.

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## 'When I uncovered my husband's secret addiction, I asked for something most wives never would.'

Mamamia, Other, 29/06/2025, Catie Powers

[...] Family Drug Support Australia works to assist families to deal with alcohol and other drugs issues in a way that strengthens relationships and achieves positive outcomes".

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## Improving access to medical abortion in Australian primary care

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 30/06/2025

Primary care providers play an integral part in medical abortion access, but many barriers are preventing uptake of medical abortion provision.

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## ABC, ABC News (Sunday), 29/06/2025, Jeremy Fernandez

Retailers caught selling illicit tobacco would be shut down for a month and evicted from their premises under a new plan put forward by the state Opposition. The Coalition argues its proposal would work hand in hand with the government's new licencing laws, which will come into effect on Tuesday. Under the new laws, retailers will need to obtain a licence to sell tobacco and other smoking products.

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## CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

### Free cancer screening

Courier Mail, General News, 30/06/2025, Page 4

Australia's first new national cancer screening program in almost two decades kicks off this week.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#).

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### Research raises head-hit alarm

Hobart Mercury, General News, 30/06/2025, Rebecca Whitfield-Baker, Page 9

Grassroots sports players should not be returning to the field after a head knock just because they have met the club's return-to-play guidelines, Australian researchers say.

Also reported by: [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#).

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### Teen battles cancer again

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 30/06/2025, Nikita Mcguire, Page 1

For a Townsville teen the shock diagnosis of cancer has become a devastating reality not just once, but twice.

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### 'Both my parents have cancer', what it's really like being the sandwich generation

ABC Online, Other, 29/06/2025, Lyrella Couzens

Growing up a young family with parents far away and seriously unwell, Territorian Natalie shares her experience of being the 'sandwich generation' in 2025.

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### Mum's 'pimple' led to terrifying ordeal

NEWS.com.au, Other, 29/06/2025, Claudia Poposki

A mum has revealed how what she thought was an innocent pimple led to her getting a chunk of her ear cut out.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#).

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### Update to the Australian guideline for diagnosing and managing acute coronary syndromes

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 30/06/2025

[...] Against this backdrop, the National Heart Foundation of Australia and the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand have released the first full ACS guideline update since 2016, providing contemporary, evidence-based recommendations across the care continuum.

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### Channel 9, National Nine News (Sunday), 29/06/2025, Paul Taylor

A new alternative to insulin injections is several months away from being trialled on people with diabetes. Nanotechnology is the key to its creation, shown to be safe and effective in animal studies. Endo Axiom CEO Dr Nicholas Hunt says the unique aspect about this technology is it is both a pill and a 'smart insulin.'

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## PRIMARY CARE

### Receivers grant extra time for Healthscope suitors

The Australian, Business News, 30/06/2025, Bridget Carter, Page 14

Healthscope receiver McGrath Nicol has extended the timing of the sale process, with indicative non-binding offers for the ailing health provider now due next month.

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### Bleijie's 'concern' over ED directive

Courier Mail, General News, 30/06/2025, Hayden Johnson, Page 13

Hospitals should not be forcing patients out of emergency departments within 24 hours over a fear funding will be lost, Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie insists.

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### 'Exit block' cases on rise

Newcastle Herald, General News, 30/06/2025, Gabriel Fowler, Page 1

Aged care bed-block has risen by more than 40 per cent across Hunter hospitals as more than 120 people wait for an aged-care or NDIS placement.

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### 24-hour turnover directive

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 30/06/2025, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 14

Frontline emergency department medics across the state have been directed to turnover patients within 24 hours or hospital funding will be lost, sparking outrage from already overwhelmed doctors and nurses who say the "beat the clock" pressure will blow up patient care and encourage data concealment.

Also reported by: [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#).

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### Hospital conditions wouldn't be accepted in Melbourne

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 30/06/2025, Sophia Baker, Page 5

An MP has slammed the treatment of rural health facilities by the state government as a south-west hospital has been waiting more than a decade for an upgrade.

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### Under-resourced hospitals spark ambulance ramping crisis outside emergency departments

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 29/06/2025, Suzan Giuliani

Healthcare workers say patients' lives are at risk as ambulances are increasingly being ramped outside "under-resourced" NSW hospitals.

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#).

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### Tasmania's business lobby backing Labor's budget savings measures, as Liberals launch state election campaign

ABC Online, Other, 29/06/2025, Jessica Moran

Tasmania's peak business body has formally backed Labor's strategy to fix the state's budget, calling it a "courageous" plan just weeks out from a state election.

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## What's gambling cost? Advocates slam political inaction

Daily Liberal, Other, 29/06/2025, William Ton

Australia risks losing a whole generation of kids to gambling, as criticisms are levelled at the government for failing to implement reforms from a landmark report two years on.

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## Inaccurate and misogynistic: why we need to make the term 'hysterectomy' history

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 30/06/2025

Have you had a tonsillectomy (your tonsils taken out), appendectomy (your appendix removed) or lumpectomy (removal of a lump from your breast)?

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## Beyond crazy socks: a doctor's mental health journey

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 30/06/2025

In medicine, we're good at showing up to do the work no matter what. But we're far less skilled at saying, "I'm not okay."

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## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

### Tackling the ways ADHD gets worse

Australian Financial Review, General News, 30/06/2025, Laurel Ives, Page 37

From forgotten appointments and lost keys to emotional volatility, poor sleep and chronic procrastination, living with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder can feel like being on a rollercoaster with no end in sight.

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### Riding waves of struggle with PTSD

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 30/06/2025, Nadine Morton, Page 1

"Can't you just start doing the fun stuff you used to love doing?" This is one of the most common questions Michael Brown gets asked, and his answer, with a sigh, is "if only it was that easy".

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### Football clubs in regional WA step up efforts to tackle suicide

ABC Online, Other, 29/06/2025

The football community was shattered when former West Coast Eagles premiership player, Adam Selwood, died suddenly in May. It was just months after his twin brother and former Brisbane player, Troy, died by suicide.

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### Mum says she feels let down by SA government's autism strategy

ABC Online, Other, 29/06/2025, James Wakelin

The mother of a child who featured in a state government autism announcement says she feels "let down".

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### New study suggests calorie restriction may be linked to worsening depression

7news.com.au, Other, 29/06/2025, Madeline Holcombe

Going too far with a diet might have serious impacts on your mental health.

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## ABC News, Weekend Breakfast, 29/06/2025, Fauziah Ibrahim and Thomas Oriti

The Country Football League Mental Health Round has helped start meaningful conversations for many years, but sporting clubs continue to lose players to suicide at an alarming rate and stigma remains a barrier to getting help. The Tackle Your Feelings program attempts to provide support by offering free training to clubs to recognise and respond to signs of mental ill health.

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## ABC News, Weekend Breakfast, 29/06/2025, Fauziah Ibrahim and Thomas Oriti

The SA government says it has delivered a dedicated office for autism and a five-year autism strategy, plus nearly \$30m has been invested in more than 400 part-time positions for Autism Inclusion Teachers. However, one mother says her six-year-old and thousands of other autistic children are still not getting the help they need. Autism Minister Emily Bourke says change is going to take time because they are undoing learnings that have been in place for decades.

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## HEALTH WORKFORCE

### Nurse bans loom in pay dispute

Courier Mail, General News, 30/06/2025, Mikaela Mulveney, Page 4

Nurses and midwives have warned the state government they will escalate industrial action next week if their pay and conditions claims are not agreed to.

Also reported by: [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#).

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### Thousands of Australian uni students will now receive \$331 a week for practical placements. But not everyone's happy

The Guardian, Other, 30/06/2025, Caitlin Cassidy

Thousands of university and TAFE students will receive financial support to complete mandatory placements for the first time from Tuesday, in a major win for stakeholders who have spent years pushing the commonwealth to address "placement poverty"

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### The \$45,000 golden prescription to heal rural health

Daily Liberal, Other, 29/06/2025, Stephanie Gardiner

Unlimited fresh air and blue skies, a daily walk to work, a healthy drop of fine wine, two NRL games each year, an extra \$45,000 in the bank and an idyllic life in "God's country".

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### GV Health's ICU reaches significant milestone

Gv Health's Intensive Care Unit has officially received accreditation from the College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand, a milestone that marks a significant step forward for the regional health service.

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## MEDICARE BENEFITS AND DIGITAL HEALTH

### Rising number of Australians sluggish by Medicare levy

The Australian, Business News, 30/06/2025, Anthony Keane, Page 15

More Australians are potentially wasting money by paying extra tax through the Medicare levy surcharge.

Also reported by: [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#).

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## BENEFITS INTEGRITY

### Police seize \$1.2b of tainted assets

Age, General News, 30/06/2025, Shane Wright, Page 14

[...] In a recent case, the taskforce was able to restrain \$20 million in assets from a Sydney pharmacist alleged to have defrauded the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme over a nine-year period.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Sydney\)](#).

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## HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

### Beyond the fight

Hobart Mercury, General News, 30/06/2025, Duncan Abey, Page 1

The pioneering medical career of one of the University of Tasmania's most innovative and inspirational former students, 2024 Australian of the Year Professor Richard Scolyer AO, has been recognised with a new scholarship named in his honour.

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## Scholarship honours hero

Hobart Mercury, Editorials, 30/06/2025, Page 18

It's not every day a scholarship makes you stop and reflect on the power of human resilience, but the new Professor Richard Scolyer AO Research Innovation HDR Scholarship does just that.

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## FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

### Budget leaves kids in heart crisis

Cairns Post, General News, 30/06/2025, Emma Cam, Page 5

Far North Queensland families have been left out of the state budget despite heart disease being the leading cause of death in remote areas of Australia.

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### Call for help

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 30/06/2025, Neil Watkinson, Page 1

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder will later this year host a "think tank" involving groups from across Australia to tackle the pressing issue of Aboriginal homelessness.

Also reported by: [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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### System failure: Youth justice in crisis

Shepparton News, General News, 30/06/2025, Page 4

It was with these words that Palawa woman Karly Warner, chair of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services and chief executive of NSW and ACT Aboriginal Legal Services, opened a recent emergency online meeting titled Reckoning on Youth Justice.

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### Australia's prisoner numbers at all-time high and changing bail laws playing a part

ABC Online, Other, 29/06/2025, Liana Walker

The number of people in Australian prisons is at an all-time high and almost half of them have not been sentenced.

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### Harvey Coyne is facing triple-heart bypass surgery. His social housing provider wants to evict him

The Guardian, Other, 29/06/2025, Christopher Knaus

Sitting on his hospital bed, his voice scratchy and strained, Harvey Coyne gives a bleak insight into what will happen if he's evicted from community housing in Perth.

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## INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

### Call to get jabbed as free flu vax extended

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 30/06/2025, Isabella Davis, Page 3

WA's free influenza vaccination program has been extended to the end of July as case numbers rise ahead of peak season.

## THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

### Overdosing on Ozempic

Daily Telegraph, General News, 30/06/2025, Danielle Gusmaroli, Page 9

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### Trippy trial for binge eaters

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 30/06/2025, Duncan Evans, Page 9

Australian researchers will soon deploy a psychedelic compound found in "magic mushrooms" to treat binge-eating in a world-first clinical trial.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#).

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### Psychedelic drugs trial green light

West Australian, General News, 30/06/2025, Page 17

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Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 29/06/2025, Liam Mannix

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### Labor urged to act on drug policy

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 30/06/2025, Michael McGowan, Page 23

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Sydney Morning Herald, Editorials, 30/06/2025, Page 28

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The Guardian, Other, 29/06/2025, Petra Stock

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